



A CATECHISM

OF

CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

BEFORE

BAPTISM:

*FOR THOSE OF RIPER YEARS*

“I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.”


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## PREFATORY NOTE.

IT is related in the life of the saintly Bishop Ken, who was Prebendary of Winchester before his Consecration to the Episcopate in 1684, that, amid the studies and duties of his station at the Cathedral, he voluntarily undertook a pastoral charge, and "kept a course of preaching at S. John's Church, in the Soke, near Winchester (where there was no preaching minister, and which he therefore called his cure), and brought many Anabaptists to the Church, and baptized them himself."\*

In the same spirit of care for the instruction of those who unhappily have not been brought to Christ as "little children,"† in His Own appointed Sacrament of New Birth into His Kingdom, this elementary Catechism of Christian Doctrine has been prepared, in entire harmony with the spirit of the Church, in providing "an Office for the Baptism of such as are of riper years."‡

\* See notice of the Bishop's Life, prefixed to his *Practice of Divine Love*; London, Masters, 1849.

† S. Mark x. 13—16.

‡ Preface to *The Book of Common Prayer*.

It is now commended to Parish Priests and others assisting them in the Cure of souls, in the hope that, with GOD'S Blessing, it may be found useful in aiding many Catechumens to prepare themselves for "the Laver of Regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost." \*

Finally, it is humbly submitted to the judgment of the Catholic Church, in dutiful obedience to her teaching, as contained in Holy Scripture and in the formularies of the Church of England.

\* Titus iii. 5.

# A CATECHISM OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE BEFORE BAPTISM ;

FOR THOSE OF RIPER YEARS.

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1.—*Q.* Who made you ?

*A.* GOD made me.

2.—*Q.* How many GODS are there ?

*A.* There is one GOD.

3.—*Q.* How many Persons are there in the One GOD ?

*A.* There are Three Persons in the One GOD.

4.—*Q.* What are the Names of these Three Persons ?

*A.* The Names of the Three Persons in the Godhead are—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

5.—*Q.* Which of these three Divine Persons came down from Heaven, and was made Man ?

*A.* The Second Person, GOD the Son, "came down from Heaven . . . . and was made Man." \*

6.—*Q.* What Name was then given to Him?

*A.* When GOD the Son became Man, the Name of JESUS was given to Him.

7.—*Q.* What does this Name mean?

*A.* The Name "JESUS" means Saviour.

8.—*Q.* Why was the Name of JESUS given to GOD the Son?

*A.* The Name of JESUS was given to GOD the Son, because He came down from Heaven to "save His people from their sins." †

9.—*Q.* What did JESUS do to save us?

*A.* JESUS lived a perfect life, died on the Cross, rose again from the dead, went up into Heaven, and sent down the Holy Ghost to dwell in us, in order that He might save us from our sins.

10.—*Q.* Where is JESUS now?

*A.* JESUS is now in Heaven.

11.—*Q.* Will He ever come again?

\* Nicene Creed.

† S. Matt. i. 21.

*A.* Yes ; JESUS will “come” again at the last day “to be our Judge.”\*

12.—*Q.* By what will He judge us ?

*A.* JESUS will judge us “according to our works.”†

13.—*Q.* At the last day to what place will all men go ?

*A.* At the last day all men will go either to Heaven or to Hell.‡

14.—*Q.* If we hope to go to Heaven, what must we do ?

*A.* If we hope to go to Heaven, we must live in a state of Grace, that is to say, of favour with GOD.

15.—*Q.* How are you to come into this state of Grace ?

*A.* In order to come into this state of Grace, I must—

- I.—Believe ;
- II.—Repent ;
- III.—Be baptized.

#### I.—FAITH.

16.—*Q.* What must you believe ?

\* Te Deum. S. Matt. xxv. 31—46 ; Acts x. 42.

† Rev. xx. 13 ; 2 Cor. v. 10.

‡ S. Matt. xxv. 46.

*A. First*—I must believe the great Truths of the Christian religion.

*Secondly*—I must believe the “promises of GOD made to me in the Sacrament of Baptism.”

17.—*Q.* Where are the great Truths of the Christian Religion shortly stated?

*A.* The great Truths of the Christian Religion are shortly stated in the Apostles’ Creed.

18.—*Q.* What are the promises of GOD made to you in the Sacrament of Baptism?

*A.* The promises of GOD made to me in the Sacrament of Baptism are :—

*First*—The remission (or pardon) of all my sins.†

*Secondly*—The gift of the HOLY GHOST, Who then comes to dwell in me as His Temple.‡

*Thirdly*—Inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven.§

## II.—REPENTANCE.

19.—*Q.* What is Repentance?

\* Church Catechism.

† Acts ii. 38, 39. ‡ *Ibid.* 1 Cor. vi. 19, 20.

§ Col. i. 12, 13 ; 1 S. Peter i. 3, 4.



*A.* Repentance is—

*First*—Sorrow for sin.\*

*Secondly*—Confession of sins.†

*Thirdly*—Forsaking sin, and making amends for the past, as far as possible.‡

### III.—BAPTISM.

20.—*Q.* What is Baptism?

*A.* Baptism is both a Covenant and a Sacrament.

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#### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT.

21.—*Q.* What do you mean by a Covenant?

*A.* A Covenant is an agreement between two or more persons.

22.—*Q.* Who then are the Persons between whom a Covenant will be made in your Baptism?

*A.* The two Persons between whom a Covenant will be made in my Baptism are—GOD and myself.

\* Ps. li. 17.

† Ps. xxxii. 5; Ps. xxxviii. 18; 1 S. John i. 9.

‡ S. Matt. iii. 8; 2 Cor. vii. 9—11.

23.—*Q.* What token of this Covenant will you receive in your Baptism?

*A.* In token of this Covenant I shall receive a Christian Name in my Baptism.

24.—*Q.* What does GOD promise you in your Baptismal Covenant?

*A.* In my Baptismal Covenant GOD promises me—

*First*—Remission of all my sins ;

*Secondly*—The Gift of the HOLY GHOST ;

*Thirdly*—Inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven.\*

25.—*Q.* What do you promise GOD?

*A.* In my Baptismal Covenant, I promise GOD—

*First*—To give up what is wrong ;

*Secondly*—To believe what is true ;

*Thirdly*—To do what is right.†

## B.

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

26.—*Q.* What is a Sacrament?

*A.* A Sacrament is an outward sign or-

\* Baptismal Office for those of riper years :—See Exhortation upon the Gospel.

† *Ibid.*—Introduction to the Questions and Answers of the Baptismal Covenant,

dained by CHRIST as a means of conveying inward Grace, and a pledge to assure us that we receive that Grace.\*

27.—*Q.* What, then, is the outward sign in the Sacrament of Baptism?

*A.* The outward sign in the Sacrament of Baptism is “Water : wherein the person is baptized *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*”†

28.—*Q.* What is the inward Grace of Baptism?

*A.* The inward Grace of Baptism is—

*First*—“Remission of sins by Spiritual Regeneration.”‡

*Secondly*—The Gift of the Holy Ghost.

*Thirdly*—Inheritance of Everlasting Life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

i. *The remission (or forgiveness) of sins.*

29.—*Q.* What sins will be forgiven you in your Baptism?

*A.* All my sins, original and actual, will be forgiven me in my Baptism.

\* Church Catechism. † *Ibid.*

‡ Baptismal Offices and Nicene Creed.

30.—*Q.* What do you mean by original sin?

*A.* Original sin is “the fault and corruption”\* of human nature.

31.—*Q.* What do mean by the “fault” of human nature?

*A.* I mean by the fault of human nature, that, when I was born into this world, I was born without the grace of GOD; because mankind lost that grace in consequence of Adam’s fall.†

32.—*Q.* What do you mean by the “corruption” of human nature?

*A.* I mean, by the corruption of human nature, that I am by nature inclined to sin.‡

33.—*Q.* What do you mean by actual sins?

*A.* I mean, by actual sins, all the sins I have committed in thought, word, or deed, and by omission, ever since I knew the difference between right and wrong.

34.—*Q.* What do you mean by sins of thought, word, and deed?

*A.* I mean, by sins of thought, word, and

\* Articles of Religion, ix. *Of Original or Birth-Sin.*

† Rom. v. 12. ‡ Rom. vii. 19—25,

deed, all those things, either in thought, word, or deed, which I have done, but which I ought not to have done.

35.—*Q.* What do you mean by sins of omission?

*A.* By sins of omission, I mean all those things which I have not done, but which I ought to have done.

36.—*Q.* Will all these sins be washed away in your Baptism?

*A.* Yes, all my sins, original and actual, will be washed away when I rightly receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.\*

37.—*Q.* What does the word Baptism mean?

*A.* The word Baptism means washing.

38.—*Q.* You say that in your Baptism you “will receive remission of your sins by Spiritual Regeneration”;† what do you mean by Spiritual Regeneration?

*A.* By Spiritual Regeneration, I mean “a death unto sin, and a New Birth unto righteousness.”‡

\* Acts xxii. 16.

† Baptismal Offices.

‡ Church Catechism. Rom. vi. 2—11.

39.—*Q.* What do you understand by “a death unto sin, and a New Birth unto righteousness”?

*A.* By “a death unto sin, and a New Birth unto righteousness,” I understand that in Baptism GOD transfers us from the state of sin in which we were born, as children of the first Adam, into a state of grace as members of Christ, the Second Adam.\*

40.—*Q.* What do you mean by “members of Christ”?

*A.* By “members of Christ,” I mean that we receive a new Life from Christ, through being taken into His Body the Church.†

41.—*Q.* When, then, will you “be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost”? ‡

*A.* I shall be “regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Ghost,” when I am baptized.

\* Church Catechism. Rom. vi. ; 1 Cor. xv. 22 ; Col. ii. 12, 13.

† 1 Cor. xii. 27 ; Eph. v. 30 ; Col. i. 18 ; 1 S. John v. 11.

‡ Baptismal Offices—Opening Exhortation.

## ii. *The Gift of the Holy Ghost.*

42.—*Q.* What other Divine Gift will you receive in your Baptism?

*A.* In my Baptism I shall receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost.\*

43.—*Q.* When the Holy Ghost is given to you in your Baptism, what will He do for you?

*A.* When the Holy Ghost is given to me in my Baptism, He will make me—"a member of Christ, the child of GOD, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."†

44.—*Q.* How will the Holy Ghost make you "the Child of GOD"?

*A.* The Holy Ghost will make me "the Child of GOD" by Adoption into the Family of GOD.‡

## iii. *Inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven.*

45.—*Q.* What do you mean by inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven?

*A.* By inheritance in the Kingdom of Heaven, I mean the right to all the privi-

\* S. Luke iii. 21, 22 ; S. John iii. 5, 6 ; Acts ii. 38.

† Church Catechism. 1 Cor. xii. 13.

‡ Rom. viii. 15 ; Gal. iv. 4—7.

leges of a Christian in this world, and to all his hopes for the world to come.

46.—*Q.* What are the heavenly privileges of a Christian in this world?

*A.* The heavenly privileges of a Christian in this world are—

- (1) Union with GOD Incarnate in “the Church which is His Body.”
- (2) Reconciliation with our Heavenly Father, in being made, through Christ, children of GOD.
- (3) The grace which GOD gives to His people through the Sacraments of the Church, to enable them to live a holy life in accordance with His Will.

47.—*Q.* You speak of our LORD Jesus Christ as “GOD Incarnate,”—What do you understand by this?

*A.* We speak of our LORD Jesus Christ as GOD Incarnate, because He, being true GOD, “was made Flesh, and dwelt among us.”\*

48.—*Q.* In what words does the Church confess this great Truth?

*A.* The Church confesses this great Truth of the Incarnation of our Lord and Saviour

\* S. John i. 14 ; 1 Tim. iii. 16.



Jesus Christ in those words of the Nicène Creed :—" Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from Heaven, And was Incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, AND WAS MADE MAN."\*

49.—*Q.* What are the hopes of a Christian for the Life to come?

*A.* The hopes of a Christian for the Life to come are—

Perfect holiness,  
Perfect happiness,

and, above all, the Sight of GOD.†

50.—*Q.* Should we not thank GOD for such wonderful gifts?

*A.* Yes, it is our bounden duty to thank GOD "for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory."‡

51.—*Q.* Will all these blessings come to you at your Baptism, if you do not receive it "worthily"?

*A.* No ; I must do my best, with GOD'S help, to receive Holy Baptism worthily, in order to be partaker in His promised grace here, and in the hope of glory hereafter.

\* See also the latter part of the Creed of S. Athanasius.

† Job xix. 26, 27 ; S. Matt. v. 8 ; 1 S. John iii. 2.

‡ The General Thanksgiving.

52.—*Q.* What do you mean by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism worthily?

*A.* By receiving Baptism worthily, I mean that we must approach this Holy Sacrament “truly repenting and coming unto Christ by faith.”\*

53.—*Q.* How then ought you to prepare for the receiving of this Holy Sacrament?

*A.* In obedience to the order of the Church I must “prepare myself with prayers and fasting for the receiving of this Holy Sacrament.”†

54.—*Q.* What thought should urge you to be very careful and devout in preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism?

*A.* In preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism, I ought to bear in mind that there is but “ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.”‡ Therefore, I must strive earnestly so to come with very careful and devout preparation, that what can only be

\* *Order of Baptism for those of riper years*—Second Exhortation.

† *Directions prefixed to Order of Baptism for such as are of riper years.*

‡ Nicene Creed, Eph. iv. 5.

done once may, with GOD'S Blessing, be done well.\*

55.—*Q.* Why can Baptism never be repeated?

*A.* Baptism can never be repeated because it imprints a character or mark upon the soul which can never be destroyed.

56.—*Q.* What is the effect of this Christian character?

*A.* The effect of this Christian character, which marks the Baptized as New-born into the Family of GOD, is that, if only we are true to the grace and promises of our Baptism, we shall certainly attain to everlasting Life;† whereas, if we sin wilfully and continue impenitent, we cannot escape the doom of reprobate sons.‡

57.—*Q.* What is the doom of reprobate Christians?

*A.* The doom of reprobate Christians is everlasting Death.

\* “We cannot (says S. Cyril) come to this Laver twice or thrice to correct the omissions of the first time; if it be ill done at first, it must remain so for ever.”—Dean Comber's *Companion to the Temple*, p. 588, folio edition, A.D. 1701.

† 1 S. Peter iii. 21; Rom. viii. 13—17.

‡ Heb. x. 26—31.

58.—*Q.* Do you mean that after this life the souls of the wicked will cease to be?

*A.* Certainly not. At the Creation GOD breathed into man His Own Eternal Life ; \* thus, “GOD created man to be immortal, and made him to be an image of His Own Eternity.” † Therefore, even the unrighteous will live for ever. ‡

59.—*Q.* What then do you understand by “everlasting Death”?

*A.* By “everlasting Death” our LORD would have us to understand :—

*First*—Banishment from the Presence of GOD ; Who will say to the wicked at the Day of Judgment, “Depart from Me.” §

*Secondly*—The unutterable torment of the Curse of GOD, pronounced upon the wicked, whom our LORD will then address as “ye Cursed.” ||

*Thirdly*—The “everlasting fire” of hell, due to disobedience to the Will of GOD. ¶

\* Gen. ii. 7. † Wisdom ii. 23. ‡ Rev. xxii. 11

§ S. Luke xiii. 27. See also 2 Thess. i. 9.

|| S. Matt. xxv. 41.

¶ S. Matt. xiii. 40—42 ; xxv. 41 ; Rev. xx. 10.

60.—*Q.* How does our LORD briefly sum up what we are to believe respecting the future state of the righteous and the wicked?

*A.*—Our LORD briefly sums up what we are to believe respecting the future state of the righteous and the wicked in these solemn words of warning and encouragement :—

“These (that is the wicked) shall go away into everlasting punishment ; but the righteous into Life eternal.”\*

61.—*Q.* In what words does the Church confess this Truth?

*A.* The Church confesses this Truth, which our LORD has taught us, concerning the everlasting blessedness of the righteous, and the everlasting punishment of the wicked, in those words of the Athanasian Creed :—“They that have done good shall go into life everlasting : and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.”

62.—*Q.* What tokens of the Christian character, given in Baptism, will you then receive?

*A.* In token of my New Birth into the Family of GOD I shall receive a New Name in my Baptism ; and in token that I shall

\* S, Matt. xxv. 46,

then be bound "to confess the Faith of Christ crucified, and to continue His faithful soldier and servant unto my life's end," I shall be signed with the sign of the Cross.\*

63.—*Q.* Why does the Church use the sign of the Cross in Baptism?

*A.* The Church uses the sign of the Cross in Baptism because "there is no Character so universally known to be the mark of a Christian as the sign of the Cross. This is why S. Paul puts the Cross for Christianity itself."†

"Hence the Cross is called *the Sign of the Faithful*, and *the Seal of Christ*: Wherefore to sign with the sign of the Cross is to declare the Baptized to be Christian;" ‡ "and dedicated to the service of Him that died upon the Cross."§

64.—*Q.* What may we learn from our Christian Name?

*A.* "We derive our *Surname* together with our original guilt from our Parents,

\* Baptismal Offices.

† 1 Cor. i. 18; Gal. vi. 14; Phil. iii. 18, 19. Dean Comber's *Companion to the Temple*, p. 605.

‡ *Companion to the Temple*, p. 606.

§ Canon xxx., A.D. 1603.

which ought to humble us, and remind us of our being born in sin ; but this new Name, which we receive at the time of our Regeneration, should admonish us of our New Birth, and our Heavenly Kindred.

“ This Christian Name, given unto us when we are lifted under Christ’s Banner, is a Badge that we belong to GOD, so that, as often as we hear it, we should remember our Baptismal Vow.”\*

65.--Q. Where do you find the terms of the Baptismal Covenant stated, and the Order appointed by the Church for the Ministration of this Sacrament ?

A. The terms of the Baptismal Covenant are set forth in the Order appointed by the Church for the Ministration of this Sacrament ; and this I find in *The Book of Common Prayer*, in the Office for THE MINISTRATION OF BAPTISM TO SUCH AS ARE OF RIPER YEARS, AND ABLE TO ANSWER FOR THEMSELVES.

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We will add the following Admonition, to

\* *Companion to the temple*, pp. 601, 602.

which you may refer after your Baptism, to put you in mind of the encouragement GOD gives you in the victorious Cross of His dear Son ; in order that you may faithfully fulfil your duty towards Him, as enrolled by a new Name in the Army of Jesus Christ.

First of all it is a great encouragement to the Christian to remember that he fights under a triumphant Banner, so that if we are true to our Leader, the LORD Jesus Christ, *in this sign* we shall overcome.

In the next place, the Cross reminds us that our Captain died for us, and thereby we are encouraged to follow Him until death, striving against sin ; and if we die in His service, then death will be to us, as it was to Him, the way to a glorious and everlasting Life.

The Church would also teach us by this sign that, although the world may deride a Crucified LORD, and unbelief mock at the Cross of Jesus, so far from being ashamed of our Faith, we are to glory in nothing more than in the Cross of our LORD Jesus Christ. Therefore, being signed with the Cross in our Baptism, we are to continue under this sign, and remind ourselves and others by our devout use of this sign of



victory and of blessing, of our faith and of our duty unto our lives' end.

Thus the Cross gives us encouragement in the fulfilment of our duty as Christians; and of this we should always be reminded by our Christian Name.

"The custom of old," says the devout Dean Comber, "was to write the soldier's name upon his shield, by which he was engaged in honour not to lose that shield, unless he lost his life; even so hath GOD given us our Name and our Faith together, so that if we apostatise, our Name will be our eternal infamy. We have a new Name, let us walk worthy of it, and lead a new life, either striving to make our name Exemplary, if there have been no Saint of it, or else labouring to be like those of our Ancestors (S. Luke i. 59), or of GOD'S Saints who have worn it worthily before us, so shall it be recorded not only in the Church's Register, but in the Book of Life, and stand there for ever : Amen." \*

\* The above, together with the admonition concerning the sign of the Cross, is taken from *The Companion to the Temple; or, a Help to Devotion in the Use of the Common Prayer*, by the learned and devout Thomas Comber, D.D., formerly Dean of Durham.

It may be well to remind those preparing for Baptism that the Lord's Prayer cannot properly be said by any who unhappily are unbaptized. For it is in Baptism that we "receive the spirit of adoption whereby (as S. Paul says) we cry Abba," that is "Father." \*

Meanwhile, the following prayers may be found useful :—

#### PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who hast vouchsafed to call me to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee, increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in me evermore ; Give me Thy Holy Spirit that I may be born again, and be made an heir of everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.†

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty and merciful God, that Thy Holy Spirit may come unto me, and dwell in me, and make me to be a worthy temple of His glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.‡

\* Rom. viii. 15.

† Adapted from the Office for Holy Baptism.

‡ Ancient Collect for Whitsuntide.

Spirit of purity and grace,  
 Our weakness pitying see ;  
 O make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,  
 And worthier Thee.\*

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
 With light and comfort from above ;  
 Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide,  
 O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of Truth to us display,  
 And make us know and choose Thy way ;  
 Plant holy fear in every heart,  
 That we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living way,  
 Nor let us from His pastures stray ;  
 Lead us to holiness, the road  
 That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share  
 Fulness of joy for ever there ;  
 Lead us to God, our final rest,  
 To be with Him for ever blest.†

#### PRAYERS FOR TRUE REPENTANCE.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who hatest  
 nothing that Thou hast made, and dost for-

\* *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, No. 207.

† *Ibid.* Hymn 209.

give the sins of all them that are penitent, create and make in me a new and contrite heart, that I, worthily lamenting my sins, and acknowledging my wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.\*

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto Thee, that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord.†

O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.‡

JESU, meek and lowly,  
Saviour, pure and holy,  
On Thy love relying,  
Hear me, humbly crying.

Prince of life and power,  
My salvation's tower ;

\* Collect for Ash Wednesday.

† Ancient Collect in the Communion Service.

‡ Ancient Anthem, in the Order for the Visitation of the Sick.

On the Cross I view Thee,  
Calling sinners to Thee.

There, behold me gazing  
At the sight amazing ;  
Bending low before Thee,  
Helpless, I adore Thee.

By thy red wounds streaming,  
With Thy Life-blood gleaming,  
Blood for sinners flowing,  
Pardon free bestowing.

By that Fount of blessing,  
Thy dear love expressing,  
All my aching sadness  
Turn Thou into gladness.

Lord, in mercy guide me,  
Be Thou e'er beside me ;  
In Thy ways direct me,  
'Neath Thy wings protect me.\*

#### EJACULATORY PRAYERS.

Lord, pardon all my wilful ignorance and neglect of duty.

\* Rev. Henry Collins. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 188.

O God, help me to learn my duty.

Lord, help me to know and to love Thee.

Lord, pity me and forgive me all my sins.

O that I may at last learn to glorify and love and serve Thee.\*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

Spare us, good Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts ; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer ; but spare us, Lord most holy,

\* The above are from Bishop Ken's *Practice of Divine Love*.

O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from Thee.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us, save us now and evermore. Amen.\*

LIKE AS THE HART DESIRETH THE WATER-BROOKS : SO LONGETH MY SOUL AFTER THEE, O GOD.†

\* The above are from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

† Ps. xlii. 1.



